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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: YOUR REQUEST FOR JACKSON LETTER

REF: MOSCOW 13049

FOR UNDER UNSECRETARY ROBINSON.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JACKSON LETTER TO SIMON DATED  
SEPTEMBER 4, 1975: BEGIN QUOTE.

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES PRODUCES FAR MORE GRAIN  
THAN IT NEEDS FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION. ON THE OTHER HAND,  
DWINDLING DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTION HAS REQUIRED US TO IMPORT  
SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF OIL FROM ABROAD TO MEET OUR NEEDS.

THE SOVIET UNION IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST OIL  
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PRODUCERS. AND, BECAUSE OF A POOR HARVEST THIS YEAR, THE

SOVIET UNION HAS PURCHASED SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF GRAIN FROM US. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE STATED THAT OTHER MAJOR SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION ARE ANTICIPATED THIS YEAR. PERHAPS MAJOR GRAIN SALES WILL BE MADE IN FUTURE YEARS.

- THE OBVIOUS QUESTION THAT ARISES, THEREFORE, IS WHETHER WE HAVE SERIOUSLY EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF TRADING OUR GRAIN FOR SOVIET OIL. ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AS TO WHETHER SUCH A PROPOSAL IS FEASIBLE. SPECIFICALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR OPINION AS TO THE LACK OF STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A PROGRAM AND WHAT LEGISLATION WOULD BE NEEDED TO PERMIT SUCH BARTERING.

- IN ADDITION, I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ANY STUDIES WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE BY OR FOR THE DEPARTMENT, THE COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY OR THE ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD ON THIS SUBJECT.

- YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

----- SINCERELY YOURS,

----- HENRY M. JACKSON  
----- CHAIRMAN

END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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